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A.—The reports have not been received by the Government. The Surgeon-General has been instructed to submit them.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know the time when the audit report for the year 1921–22 was due in the office of Government ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I cannot exactly say when the report was received, but I think it was received as early as possible."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I wish to know which is the due date."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" There is no due date."

Personnel of vaccinators in the Presidency.

* 467 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to refer to the remarks on page 226 of the Administration Report, Madras Presidency, 1921–22, that "personnel of vaccinators in the Presidency leaves much to be desired and it is impossible to improve it unless local bodies make up their minds to pay them adequately " and to state--

(*a*) whether there has been any improvement in this respect since 1921–22 throughout the Presidency ;

(*b*) whether Government have issued instructions for the employment of a certain percentage of first-class vaccinators in each district ;

(*c*) considering the importance of having as far as possible the best qualified vaccinators for efficient vaccination, (i) whether Government have taken steps to insist on local bodies carrying out their instructions, (ii) whether in case of default, Government have exercised powers (if any) to get the vaccinators' duties done by duly qualified men ; and

(*d*) (i) which of the local bodies in South Kanara have employed first and second class vaccinators or men not duly qualified as vaccinators, (ii) what action Government have taken or propose to take to see that the local bodies in South Kanara employ duly qualified men as vaccinators according to their instructions ?

A.—(*a*) There has been an increase in the pay of vaccinators since 1921–22. The average pay of a vaccinator (I class, II class and probationers combined) was Rs. 27-9-10 in 1921–22 and Rs. 31-1-4 in 1924–25. Proposals of the Director of Public Health for the revision of the pay of vaccinators are under the consideration of the Government.

(*b*) The Government have laid down the proportions of the various classes of vaccinators which they think should be maintained.

(*c*) (i) The matter is within the discretion of the local bodies employing vaccinators.

(*c*) (ii) & (*d*) (ii) The Director of Public Health is to submit a report on the vaccination staff in the Presidency with proposals for improving its efficiency, on receipt of which the action to be taken will be considered.

(*d*) (i) The Government have no information.